

WHOOOP-EE-E! IT'S OUR NIGHT TO HOWL!

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OLD TIME OPEN RANGE MEN'S

... Dinner ...

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PALLISER HOTEL

CANADIAN PACIFIC HOTEL

JULY NINTH - NINETEEN TWENTY-NINE









# THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES POOL WAGON

Will Camp on the Palliser Flats, at the Junction of the Bow  
and Elbow Rivers

TUESDAY, JULY 9th, 1929

*Chuck will be ready at 6.30 p.m.*

Andy Halkett of the C.P.R. Outfit will be Captain of the Round-Up

All reps must be at the "wagon" by 6 p.m. Be There!

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The C.P.R. Outfit covers a lot o' range.

You boys have worked over lots of it, and we are sure glad to have you  
camp with our "wagon" tonight.

We told the cooks to do it good.

All ranches have told cooks many things. Sometimes they do it.

Put your name on the list and try an' live over the old days.

They were good ones.

The results of the old time range men's hard work are to be seen all over  
this Northwestern range.

Their efforts have done much to produce the present prosperity.

We're glad you are here, and hope you are.

CANADIAN PACIFIC





## TROUBLE FOR THE RANGE COOK.

*By E. A. Brininstool.*

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Come, wrangle yer bronco an' saddle him, quick,  
The cook is in trouble down there by the creek!  
Oh, cinch up yer latigoes, all O' you runts,  
An' pull 'em so tight that yer ol' bronco grunts!  
'Twill need all you punchers the foreman kin send,  
'Cuz the chuckwagon's mired down there at the bend!

The cattle are scatterin' over the plain,  
While punchers are yellin' in language profane!  
But let 'em jest go—for the cook's in a muss,  
An' quicksands are causin' the feller to cuss!  
Oh, this is the time ev'ry puncher's his friend,  
'Cuz the chuckwagon's mired down there by the bend!

Come on with yer ropes that are heavy an' stout!  
No grub for the bunch till the wagon's pulled out!  
It's in to the hubs, an' a-sinkin' down slow,  
An' cookie is cussin' an' watchin' it go!  
Come! hustle, you punchers, an' haul him to land,  
Before he is flooded by water and sand!

A-strainin' of ropes an' a gruntin' of nags,  
An' woe to the puncher whose lariat sags!  
It's spur 'em an' quirt 'em, an' make 'em lay to!  
An'—now she is movin'! An'—hooray! she is through  
It's worth all the time that the effort required,  
'Cuz it's nothin' to eat when the chuckwagon's mired!





## GRUB PILE

*"Come an' Git It, or We'll Throw It Out!"*

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ALBERTA CELERY AND ITALIAN OLIVES

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OPEN RANGE BEEF BOUILLON WITH WEDDING RICE

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DUTCH OVEN NESTER CHICKEN WITH SHAMROCK BACON

AND

COW CAMP CORN FRITTERS

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CANUCK PEAS WITH MINT AND CAMPFIRE FRIED POTATOES

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LEAF LETTUCE AND DANDELION SALAD WITH SAGE HEN EGG  
DRESSING

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FRONTIER CORN CAKE WITH GOLDEN SYRUP

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WATER FROM THE SPRING IN THE BANK

*If you can beat it, produce*

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After the usual gab during the meal, everybody go up to the bed-wagon on the cut bank where augerin' and irregatin' plans will be discussed an' gone into in detail.

LET'S FORM A RANGE MEN'S ASSOCIATION AND FEED  
ON THIS CAMP GROUND EVERY STAMPEDE WEEK






## COPIES OF ORIGINAL LETTERS FROM OLD-TIMERS

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Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as to put my name down for the C.P.R. dinner on July 9th.

I started cowpunching in 1883 for the **JR** outfit at Deer Lodge Valley, Montana. Trailed in cattle with Tom Lynch in 1884 bringing in the "**Z**" the House (  ) cattle, the "**O2**" cattle, and the "**S**" and joined with the Scouts in the Rebellion of 1885 for General T. B. Strange, manager of the House Ranch, and since that time have been running my own outfit, the "**DIO**".

Yours truly,

BOB NEWBOLT.

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Dear Sir:

Will you please put my name down for the C.P.R. dinner on July 9th.

My qualifications are, I wrangled horses for the **WR** under John Lamar 1892, and from then on as cowpuncher for the Oxley Ranch until 1902, under A. Chadwick and J. Johnston.

Yours truly,

R. O. SYKES.

Address—906 18th Ave. W.  
Calgary.





Dear Sir:

I understand that the C.P.R. desires to get in touch with the Old Timers for the purpose of a re-union July 9th.

I came into the country in 1885 ranching in the Pincher Creek district.

Wishing you and the Stampede all success.

Yours faithfully,



EDMUND A. ELTON.

Address—1006 13th Ave. W.  
Calgary.

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Dear Sir:

Having been on my ranch your letter of the 21st instant was only received on returning here last night, and thinking that I am eligible to be a guest at the dinner to be tendered to Old Time Cowmen by the C.P.R. Railway Co., I hasten to give you my qualifications.

I started in the Pincher Creek country in July 1883 with F. W. Godsell on the south fork of the Old Man River  brand, then with Garnett Bros.  on the same range, then on the Old Alberta Ranch on Pincher Creek, Dick Duthie was then the manager, and then with the old '76 on the east end of the Cypress Hills, D. H. Andrews was then manager, and Tom Henderson, wagon boss. Working as a cowpuncher until 1895 when I started for myself at Rush Lake, Sask., and am still in the business on the north side of the Saskatchewan River, north of Rush Lake.

Thanking you for your letter giving me the opportunity to participate in the entertainment.

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Yours very truly,

ROBERT CRUIKSHANK





Dear Sir:

I would be very pleased to attend the dinner given to the Old Time Ranch hands at the Palliser Hotel, July 9th, 1929.



Am enclosing my qualifications which I hope will be satisfactory.


I am

Yours respectfully,

L. McKINNON.

Address—822 14th Ave. W.

Landed in Calgary in the spring of 1886. Soon after went as chore boy for General Strange's family. He being manager of the Military Colonization Co's. ranch about 45 miles southeast of Calgary on the Bow River. After 17 days chore boy was promoted to a ranch hand with this company. Their brand being House  left shoulder on horses and left hip on cattle. Remained with that outfit until 1891 with the exception of one year with A. H. Goldfinch, a share holder of the M.C.C. and owner of the horse track  Brand.



In 1891 started to work for the Canadian Coal and Colonization Co. known as the Sir John Lester Kay outfit, the stock end being under the management of D. H. Andrews, headquarters on the Bow River where the late Curtiss Cattle Co. operated. Their brand being "76" left thigh for horses, and left ribs for cattle. Worked for this outfit till 1894. Followed the Bow River round-ups, also the High River and Willow Creek round-ups with the  wagon in 1890 as representative for the House outfit occupying a tent with Ed. Johnson, foreman, and Herb Miller, righthand man

Went through the spring and fall round-ups as rep. for the "76" outfit, and from 1891 to 1893 with the Oxley Wagon, with Harry White foreman, and Archie Chadwick righthand man. Dawson later became foreman of the Circle Outfit.







In 1894 established the "L. K." brand with ranch on the Bow River, joining round-ups with neighbors including old timers as, Moorehouse Brothers with the "Turtle" brand; W. R. Newbolt, "DIO" brand; Frank Addeman of the Horsetrack Cattle Co., R. A. Begg with the "Scotch Thistle" brand, and W. W. Brown, "Z X." the late C. R. Brown, who had acquired the House outfit, Janes Bros. "J3" brand, Roy Cowen -X- and others.

The original "LK" outfit has now become a family company as the L. K. Ranching and Farming Co. Limited, with C. H. McKinnon General manager, and D. J. McKinnon, foreman. Owners of brands "LK"  "X4"  with holdings at Dalemead, Bassano, Calgary and Airdrie.

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Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of June 21st, and note contents.

I worked for R. Urch at Old Kippon, the Old Man River before 1900 up to 1912. his brand was  on the left ribs, and left hips. In 1902 R. Urch, Robert Patterson of MacLeod, and myself formed the Little Bow Pool, Patterson's brand was ][ left hips, my brand was  on right ribs. I was Urch and Patterson foreman and ran the Little Bow Pool Cow Wagon. We ran our cattle on the Little Bow River at the mouth of Snake Valley.

Yours respectfully,

O. H. O'TOTT.





Dear Sir:

I thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Old Time Range Mens' dinner at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, at 6.30 p.m. Tuesday July 9th.

I should like very much to attend if my qualifications will permit. I rode for the Douglas Lake Cattle Co., Douglas Lake, B.C., for the years 1898-1899, I was then 23 years old. The cattle brands were at that time 111 right or left hip, 25 on the right ribs, the horses with the same on the shoulder left or right.

We did not run a grub wagon, but three small pack horses, which carried the whole outfit for as many as fourteen to twenty riders, our country at that time was too rough for a wagon, and not sufficient roads to allow us to take a wagon where we wanted to. Joe Coutlie was captain of the outfit, and old man Mr. J. B. Graves, manager of the ranch.

I have been ranching ever since those days, was 8 years at Mosquito Creek in partnership with Mr. Joe Pemberton, on the Two Dot Ranch.

I came back to B.C. in 1909 to Douglas Lake, was appointed manager in June, 1910, and am still holding that position today.

Joe Coutlie is still captain of the round-up, and now has a wagon, drives four horses in the orthodox style. Mr. Greaves when he visited me some years later, remarked when he saw the wagon, "Those boys will want spring beds next."

Lawrence Guichon, Joe Bulman, Willie Lauder and Jim Frisken are a few of the names I can remember who are all eligible.

Hoping to see you before long and join the Old Timers' Dinner.

Yours truly,

FRANCIS B. WARD.





Dear Sir:

I understand there is to be an Old Timers' Dinner given by the C.P.R. and I should like to be present.

I arrived in Canada March 17th, 1887, and came west to the Willow Creek Ranch.

Yours truly,

C. F. A. LEEDS

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Dear Sir:

Yours of June 21st, received.

I will be pleased to attend your dinner of July 9th, at the Palliser Hotel.

I have taken charge of the Cypress Cattle Company ranch in the spring of 1887 and have been interested in the company to date. We branded C Y on left ribs. Our range was on the Belly River between the Little Bow and Big Bow Rivers.

Yours truly,

A. J. McLEAN.

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Dear Sir:

I worked for DC Ranch, Mosquito Creek in 1897. Len Sexsmith in 1899, LF Ranch 1898, A7 Oxley Ranch I 1899-1917. LU have owned the -E- since 1911.

Yours truly,

STONE ROBERTS.





Dear Sir:

I accept with thanks your kind invitation to the Stampede.

I worked for the I. G. Barker Company, McLeod for six years, brand figure three on left soulder.

Also with the One Circle outfit, and owner of the  $\nabla$  ranch for twenty years, Cypress Hills, Medicine Hat

Yours truly,

JOHN READ.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of recent date with reference to the Old Time Range men. I rode the range between the Little Bow, Mosquito Creek, the Livingstone Range and boundary line having a ranch between the north fork of the Old Man River and the foothills on what was called Todd Creek. I used 646 for my brand and also owned the ]—[ cattle which I sold to Geo. Lane. I worked with the **WR** and Pincher Creek and McLeod round-up wagons. I was boss in 1873 and riding that range from 1890 to 1903.

Every one I have spoken to in this district that is eligible has already received a letter from you.

Yours truly,

F. A. MEAD.





Dear Sir:

I herewith send you my qualifications to attend the Old Time Cowboy Dinner given by the C.P.R. at the Palliser Hotel.

I cooked on the wagon for six years from 1893 under Herb Miller.

Yours truly,

CHARLES LERHR.

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Replying your letter re Old Time Range Men. The qualifications of Honorable James D. MacGregor are Sheep Creek Eighteen Eighty Eight and Bow and Saskatchewan Rivers Eighteen Ninety Eight.

J. H. MEANWELL (Secretary)

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Dear Sir:

My attention has been drawn to an item in the Calgary Herald of May 18th re qualifications for Old Time Cowboy Banquet which is to take place at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary on July 9th, 1929.

I feel that I can qualify under the above, as I came to Lethbridge the spring of 1890, being then 22 years old. Starting to work at that time for the Whitney Bros. "Hat Brand"  The cattle being branded on the left ribs, and the horses branded on the left thigh with the same brand Range North East of Lethbridge on the Little Bow River. I refer you to Mr. D. J. Whitney, 5661 Lime Ave., Long Beach, Cal., the other brother being deceased.

Hoping to get a reply at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Yours truly,

ARCHIE HUTTON.





Dear Sir:

Your letter to hand in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company giving a dinner to the Old Time Range Men of the Canadian North West at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, on July 9th.

In 1892 I worked for the Kew Ranch, Kew, and in 1893 I worked for the High River Horse Ranch, and later for the Quorn Ranch.

Many thanks for drawing my attention to this matter, and hope that you will have a successful Stampede, and that the dinner given by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will bring the Old Time Stock Men together.

With kindest regards








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Yours very truly,

GEORGE HOADLEY.

Minister of Agriculture.

Dear Sir

The first outfit I worked for in Alberta was the H2-McHugh Bros. in 1893.  I and  Mosquito Creek Wagon in 1895  wagon in 1896.  wagon in 1897-8.  Y T and  wagon in 1899-1902,  Oxley wagon in 1903.

Sam Howe, Millicent, and Stone Roberts, Lathom, are the only others eligible for those dates who are here at present.

Yours truly,

W. S. PLAYFAIR.





Dear Sir

I wish to get a ticket to the Cowboy Dinner.

I came to Alberta in 1890. I rode for the High River Horse Ranch in 1892, with Mr. Eckford manager, and Mr. Wm. Todd, foreman. In 1893 I rode for the Quorn Ranch with Mr. Swann, manager and Mr. Hill, foreman. I was captain of the Sheep Creek Division of the General round-up in 1898.

Yours very truly,

R. McLAREN.

Address—City Cartage Co., 813 Centre St.  
Calgary.

Dear Sir:

*Re Range Riders Previous to 1900*

I wish to advise you that I commenced working on round-ups in the fall of 1893. I wrangled horses that round-up for the U wagon, Bert Wilder, foreman, and Hunter Powell, round-up captain.

I worked continuously on Round-ups from that time until the end of the year 1900. When I left to go for myself I had been working for the Oxley Ranch under the foremanship of J. H. Johnston and W. L. Watt.

Yours truly,

HUGH M. SHAW.

Address—1008 Durham Ave.  
Calgary.





Dear Sir

I intend being in Calgary for the Old Timers' Banquet. Have been in the country since 1885.

Yours truly,

BEN McDONNELL.

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Dear Sir:

Seeing your piece in Calgary Herald about Round-Up Dinner, would say I think I was the first cook on a round-up in Southern Alberta, as I first cooked for Winder Ranch in 1878 for Captain Winder, foreman Charlie Shapels. Next year with Walden Ranch, owner Mr. Walden, John Lamar, foreman; two years next with Oxley Ranch, Willow Creek, John R. Cragg, manager Jim Patterson. Next ranch with Bill Cochrane Ranch C Raymore, with Cyrkle Ranch near Lethbridge. How Harris, foreman Barley Buck, also McFarlan Ranch on the Kootenty River, Bar U Ranch, George Lane, north fork of Old Man River. Any further reference any old timer in Macleod who have lived there there since 1874.

Yours truly,

EDWIN LARKIN

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Dear Sir:

The Brown Ranch Co. Limited unloaded more than 600 heifers in June 1886 at Medicine Hat. The heifers were branded B. R. some of their offspring are branded **WUWU**. A couple of years from now George G. Ross, will be old enough to accept your invitation.

Yours,

WALTER ROSS.







Dear Sir:

Just a line to see if I could join the happy bunch of old-timer cow-punchers.

I rode for John Wilson, the cattle king of Kamloops, B.C., in 1885. His brand was JW on right ribs.

In 1894 I went north and took charge of H. O. Bowe's ranch. His cattle brand was  on the right hip. His horse brand was  on the right thigh.

Those times were the good old round-up days, and I hope to meet some of the good old boys from that section of the country.

Yours truly,

JAS. D. KIRKPATRICK

Address—3907 15a St. S.W.  
Calgary.

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Dear Sir.

I was foreman on the Bow Valley Ranch at Midnapore from 1886 to the year 1910. Till I came in to the stockyards at Calgary I was working for W. R. Hull from 1886 to 1902, then P. Burns & Company. Bought the Bow Valley Ranch and have been with them ever since. I rode with the Pincher Creek wagon for three weeks in 1903, Sam Sharp, round-up boss. I also rode for about ten days for ten different summers with the Mosquito Creek wagon with Hunter Powell and Charlie Anderson as foremen, also with the wagon north of the Bow River with Frank Adaman, foreman.

Yours truly,

WM. BANNISTER





Dear Sir:

Received yours of June 21st, saying that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will act as hosts to the Old Time Ranchmen of the Canadian North West at a dinner they are giving at 6.30 p.m. Tuesday July 9th, at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, which I have much pleasure in accepting.

My qualifications are, that I arrived here in the spring of 1884, and worked for the British American Horse Ranch, a subsidiary of the Cochrane Ranch, the original large one in this country, until July 1885, after which I have been working for myself and took up a ranch west of Nanton in the latter end of the winter of 1886, and have been engaged in ranching since.

For several years the ranching industry that we were particularly interested in, extended from Sheep Creek on the north to the Old Man and Belly Rivers on the south, Rocky Mountains on the west to the junction of the Bow and the Belly Rivers. There were a good many outfits taking part in the round-ups. The one I was particularly interested in, known as "MOSQUITO CREEK" WAGON, was a combination outfit of:

Bar X. Y. Owned by Samson and Harford; C. C. W. E. Cochrane manager. The Two Dot, Harry Alexander, manager. Hull and Trounce, W. R. Hull, manager. The Bar S, Walter C. Skrine, Owner. Bar D, Blunt and Holmes, High River. The P. L. Ranch, George Ross and myself, A-7 Ranch.

I became wagon boss on the round-up on this outfit about 1889 or '90.

Trust the above will fill the bill

I understand that Jack Dempsey, who is now foreman for my Home Ranch, will be eligible for this dinner.

Yours truly,

A. E. CROSS.





Dear Sir

I was talking to P. G. Thomas in High River the other day in regard to the Cowboy Banquet held at the Palliser Hotel, Stampede time, and he told me to write to you regarding same.

I wrangled horses for Lane and Burns beef herd in '98, under Bill McCout, better known as "Slippery Bill", and followed the range for several years after.

Would I require an invitation as I would like to attend.


Thanking you I remain

Yours truly,

J. B. WATT.

Dear Sir:

As per your request I am sending my qualifications to dine with you the Palliser at the C.P.R. Expense.

I wrangled horses for the Winder Ranch Roundup Wagon the summer of 1887 which made a big roundup after the very severe and disastrous winter of '86 and '87. Charles Sharples was foreman of the wagon range, Porcupine Hills, Willow Creek and Old Man River. Brands  on left shoulder on horses and left hip on cattle, ear mark under half crop on each ear. I wrangled for the same wagon some of '88. Then for the well known 76 wagon as cowboy the next, and so on until I had enough money to get a little old ranch for myself.

Yours truly,

F. A. BURTON.


P. S. Wishing you the best of success with your Stampede, and if I get a card will be with you. F. B.





Dear Sir

Seeing by the Herald that you are wanting the names of old Cowboys, I think I am qualified to belong to that class.

I have been in Alberta since 1881 and have lived all my life on a ranch. Have been on the round-ups with the Old (OX) Oxley Ranch, the 76 and  and DJ. Have put in my share of time both day and night herding and at breaking bronchos.

I hope to be at the Stampede this year. Am a member of the Old Timers so trust you will see fit to enter my name among the "old cowboys".


Yours truly,

W. A. LYNDON, Lieut.-Col.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st re dinner of Old Time Range men.

I have followed cows since 1888 in the Medicine Hat District, from Medicine Hat to Maple Creek and south as far as the Montana line.

The wagon I worked with was known as the "Medicine Hat Pool", owned by about eight or ten medium sized cow outfits. My cattle brands are 7-T on left ribs and also own Z-T on right ribs. Horses brand  on right thigh.

Will be very pleased to accept the invitation of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., for Dinner at the Palliser, July 9th.

Yours very truly,

JAS. MITCHELL.





Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that I hope to be able to attend the "Round Up" Dinner that is to be given at the Palliser during Stampede Week, for men that worked on cow outfits, prior to Dec. 31st, 1899.

I might state that I was punching cows for the 76 outfit when I joined the N. W. M. Police in 1897.

I worked for D. H. Andrews, Roy Cowan of Langdon, Tom Herdon and Fred Craig, son of the late John R. Craig.

Sincerely yours,

P. G. THOMAS.

P. S. Range that I rode was from East-End, Sask., south to the White-Mud, Mont., U.S.A. mostly.

Dear Sir:

I would like to come to the Stampede but am too old to earn my money to pay my fare to Calgary. I am supported by the Government at this place. I was up there in 1924 and had a good time for four days.

With best regards,

EDWIN LARKIN.

Ex-cook.





Dear Sir:

In answer to your request re Old Timers. I may say that I rode on the first round-up in the spring of 1883. G. Emerson, L. Lynch, Fred Stinson of the U were with us.

Duncan Cameron was our night herder, as you know these men are all gone. Previously I went to the Mountains with Mat. Dunn, who had a beef herd supplying the surveyors and engineers who were running the C.P.R. lines forty six years ago. I started the O. H. Ranch and have been in the cattle game ever since, and have ridden the range consistently as long as the range was open.

As far as I can remember all those ranchers that started when I did are gone.

Wishing you every success with the Stampede this year.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

F. W. INGS.

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Dear Sir:

I see by some of the Calgary papers there is to be an Old Time Cowboys Banquet at Calgary on July 9th.

I am writing to see if I am of age and can qualify to be present. I am 63 years of age, came to Alberta the 10th of May, 1883, and have lived here ever since. I worked for the **WR** Ranch in 1884. Dr. Frields was manager at that time, Sam Sharp was round-up foreman. Since then I have managed my own ranch and am still going strong.

Yours truly,

JOHN CLARK.





Dear Sir:

I wish to place my name on the list for C.P.R. Dinner in Palliser Hotel on July 9th.

I came to High River, June 1883 and was employed on HL Ranch round-up Sept. 1884, G. Levings manager and Hunter Powell foreman until Sept. 1885. I then went to work for John Quirk when I made my first purchase of cattle from John R. Craig then manager of the Oxley Ranch and have owned cattle since that time, starting on my own place March 1886 and am still on the job.

Yours truly,

R. A. WALLACE.

Dear Sir:

As for the Cow Boys Banquet taking place in the Hotel Palliser on the 9th of July next. I may say that I have been a cowboy around High River since the year 1897, and on different ranches, viz. A. H. Eckford, T Nichol Bros. OW Sullivan, Bond, Findlay, Spaulding, H. Smith, etc.

Am I entitled to take in that Cow Boys Banquet that day.

Yours truly,

JOHN W. H. BOND.





Dear Sir.

*Re Cowboys' Dinner July 9th.*

Rode with Mosquito Creek Round-up Wagon 1897-8-9-1900, for W. R. Hull, brand 25 left hip. Range Mosquito Creek and the west of Nanton, Alberta. Present age 53.

W. TOM BOULTON.

Would like to mention two real old timers.

W. Summers of Nanton, and Ed. Larkin of MacLeod.

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the Old Timers Dinner at the C.P.R. Hotel on July 9th. I herewith wish to state my qualifications.

I came to Alberta 1896 to 1897, worked on Frank Meade's ranch herding horses etc. at Livingstone, 20 miles from Pincher, wrangled the day herd for the Pod Wagon which shipped beef from Claresholm the fall of 1897 or 1898, worked around that district until fall of 1889, when I went to Montreal with one of the first trains of Waldron beef shipped from Pincher over the Crow's Nest road. These were bought by Archie McLean, he can verify above as he often visited the Mead Ranch.

I was away in Africa, serving in the Strathcona Horse, Reg. No. 651. Came back to Alberta after the war in 1903 and located north of Bassano and have been there 26 years running the Percheron Horse Ranch FH. Sold the land this spring but still have over 100 head of Percherons there.

Mr. E. L. Richardson can verify most of this. I was 20 years of age in 1899 when I went east with the W. R. Cattle.

Yours truly,

BRICE H. BUNNY.





Dear Sir:

I wish to attend the Old Time Cowboys Dinner given during Stampede week, Calgary.

I was born in 1872 and came to High River 1883, worked for fall Roundup 1888. George Lane, Captain.

Yours very truly,

J. L. SEXSMITH.

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Dear Sir:

*Re Old Time Cowboy Banquet.*

I was on my first round-up as a cowboy in 1882 for the Bar U Ranch and have been with them most of the time since, still going strong. Tom Lynch was the first wagon boss.

Yours truly,

H. MILLAR.

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Dear Sir:

Would like to attend the Old Time Range Mens' Banquet.

I punched cows in the Cypress Hill country south of Medicine Hat 1893 to 1895, then again from 1898 to 1901, have put in some years as Fire Ranger that is where I got my scars, was 20 years of age 1897.

I might mention I used to go to school with Jas. Mitchell, your bucking horse judge, back in 1888 and '9.

For a good time in a repetition of those good old happy days.

I am, Sincerely yours,

A. J. McCONNELL.





Dear Sir:

I would like to attend the Old Cowboys Banquet. I came to Calgary when I was 16 years of age or June 28th, 1889. I have now been 39 years in Alberta, and I rode on all the Round-ups north of the Bow with D. P. McDonald and Angus Sparrow, who has been dead a good many years, and I also have been captain of the Round-up. The brands were **D. P.** and **75 A-O.==)** and **VL** and hundreds more I can give you. I am now 55 years of age.

Yours truly,

J. C. OSWALD.

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Dear Sir:

I seen a piece in the Calgary Herald that you wanted the names of old cow punchers that was in the country before 1900.

I came to Calgary the year 1889 and started to work for R. G. Robinson that same year. I worked for him for eight years, the last four years I was foreman for him, and then I started to work for Gordon Ironsides and Freres. I was foreman for them on the **==)** ranch on the Red Deer river for twelve years, and I was on the **44** ranch for some time.

I would like to meet some of the old boys that I have not seen for years. I would like to join the "Round-up" at the Palliser Hotel on the evening of the 9th of July. I used to know most of the old time boys and would like to meet them all again.

Wishing you the best of good times and good luck at the Stampede.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

DICK ALLEN.





Dear Sir:

I am not sure just what you want.

The papers said would have to write to you. I suppose all you want to know is where we were in 1899.

I was foreman of the Cochrane Ranch that summer, took over the outfit the summer before, 1898.

Worked for the C. Ranch from 1890 up to Jan. 1st, 1906. The brands were: Cows —| L. R. **C** L. H. also **K** L. R. **C** L. H. Horses —| L. T.

If there is anything more you want to know of will be glad to let you have it.

Yours sincerely,

A. FLEMING.

Dear Friend:

I would like to attend your dinner of old Cowboys who worked on the range years ago. I herded cattle for P. Burns in 1893 and was horse wrangler for the "Two Bar" Outfit in 1894. Blue Osbourne was in charge of roundup for Gordon, Ironsides and Freres. Angus Sparrow was western manager for this outfit.

Came to Alberta in 1891. Born 1877.

Yours,

FRANK COLLICUT.





Dear Sir:

I see by an old paper that you want to get in touch with Old Time Cow Punchers, prior to '99, the days of real sport, the open door in the West, and freedom of the range, when the streams sparkled with trout and the prairie one waste flower garden.

Well, I left T. Eaton's, Toronto, August 13th, 1898, armed with a lot of ambition, a suitcase and a christie hat. Worked in the wheat fields of Manitoba and about the 11th of November, 1898, arrived at Cayley with a bunch of Gordon Ironsides Cattle.

I had my first Chinese cooked meal and heard the yip-yapping of the coyotes. The next day I walked to the railroad, and it seemed all the cattle in the south country seen that hat and wanted to inspect it close range. At last I was on the train after having flagged it with a burning torch, got into Calgary and went to bed by the light of a tallow candle. Next day I looked for work. There is a man in Calgary now that ran a sort of real estate and employment office. He tells me I have a job, but for-----sake get a different HAT. I did, but did not get the job, but went out on the Elbow the latter part of November 1898 and fed 100 head cattle for the Cullen family at the Old Man's Place. In March 1899 I started for myself on Tom Cullen's  $\frac{1}{2}$  section two miles from Capt. Gardiner. My brother and I bought 11 cows and calves at foot and a Polled Angus boy from Capt. Gardiner and that summer seen my first round-up that took in all south of the Elbow and Indian Reserve from the Chipman ranch R. G. Robinson's to Cow Camp in Foothills.

I helped at different places including my own. I am not positive but feel old man Marshall R. S. Cattle, foreman was Captain. The report of his twenty foot whip would start a stampede or a Mexican Revolution. John Fullman, husband of late famous Lady Fullman that every old timer knew tended the heating of irons. The more whisky he got the hotter the branding irons. At supper there was a great feast. I won't say what it was. If you closed your eyes it tasted O. K. I don't think it will be on the menu at McGuire's dinner.





The Gardiner's and Robinson's are all that is left south of the Elbow. Cris. Cullen and Ralph and Clem Dyer are farming at Rock Ford.

Doggin Jack I had not seen for about 15 years until last Stampede week, waiting on beer tables at the Imperial Hotel, Calgary. Tom Cullen died about a year ago, Danny McGillis is at the coast, and some went back to the old country.

I will close, hoping I have not tired you. Wishing you and the Stampede success and Mr. McGuire in the fine spirit he has shown. May they have an enjoyable time. It will be the last for many of them.

Sincerely,

JACK WASSMAN.

Dear Sir:

Seen in the Herald about requirements for old time Cow Punchers. I worked for McHugh Brothers from 1894 to the South African War. Broke horses for them all that time. Their brand was **H2** left hip. Worked under several wagon bosses during that time among other being Dutch Patrick and Herb Miller. I was under him several times which he can verify himself. After the war went back to McHugh Bros. again and started for myself out here on the Red Deer River and been here ever since, so you see what I have been and you can easily verify this yourself by asking Mr. Christie as he stopped at our ranch out here several times.

Hoping this is satisfactory,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

JOE HASLETT.





Dear Sir:

I would like to attend the "Old Cowpunchers" Dinner in Calgary's Stampede Week. In 1892 I night herded horses for the North West Cattle Co., F. S. Stinson was manager, and Henry Arnette foreman of the wagon, and Hunter Powel range boss. The range we covered was between the Elbow, the Bow and the Belly and the Mountains.

In '93, '94, '95, and '96 I was working for a horse outfit C. Knox, manager, riding with Felix McHugh, and the Quorn ranch horse round-up wagon, Ted Hills, foreman.

The fall of 1897 I worked for the Oxley wagon, Jimmy Johnson, foreman. In 1898 I went to work for Geo. Emerson and rode every year on the round-up till 1905. During this time I rode with the U wagon, Herb Miller, foreman until 1902, and then Charlie McKinnon took it over.

Hoping this is the information you require.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

GUY PALLISTER.

Dear Sir:

As I anticipate attending your Cow Boy Dinner given at the Palliser Hotel on July 9th, I herewith send my qualifications.

I worked on the Wagon from 1893 to 1897 for George Emerson P and 5 Brands.

Mr. Herb Miller was wagon foreman and J. H. V. Brown captain of range work.

Yours truly,

E. F. THOMSON:





Dear Sir:

Kindly reserve seat for me at the cow boys supper to be given at Palliser Hotel. I worked at the U when it was known as The North West Cattle Co., Herb Millar was foreman and Seven "U" Brown was the Captain on roundup.

Yours truly,

E. J. THORNE.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your announcement in the Herald, I would like to state my qualifications for attending the complimentary dinner for old time stockmen to be held in your hotel next week.

1888 with Y-Z Ranch. Mrs. Ellen McGarry, Fish Creek Assiniboine, 20 miles south Maple Creek, capacity ranch hand.

Following year with James Warnock. Brand forgotten. Ranch hand.

Robert Pollock, Half-moon Ranch, Fish Creek, Ranch hand.

Geo. Newberry, Brand forgotten, Lone Pine, Cypress Hills, Ranch hand.

Rode in four general "round-ups" and rode for strays after round-ups  
Camp cook for Bob Pollock, six months.

Age during that time nineteen to twenty-two years. At present in charge of advertising T. Eaton Co., Limited, Calgary.

Do these qualify?

Yours sincerely,

G. D. CASSON.

Address: c/o T. Eaton Co. Limited





Dear Sir.

The following is the pioneer's story that you requested from me.

After being coaxed on board the ship with a little oatmeal, we triumphantly crossed the herring pond. At Halifax we boarded the C.P.R. for the wild and woolly west

Seeking adventure, Calgary a real cow town, having stage coaches running north and south quite appealed to me. The first work I secured was freighting to Edmonton. In the Capitol I enlightened my intelligence with the Cree language and Red River Jig (the popular Hobo-hop of those days).

In 1895 I trailed cattle for John Lineham from Edmonton to Dew-daney (Okotoks). Here I became an adherent for three years, of the Round-up with John Weir, better known as Nigger John. My first evening was spent at Weasel Head Bridge on the Elbow River, much too near the town for cowpunchers best interests. Certainly we were a happy crew that night, and it's little wonder, that I was fully resigned this to be the chosen and ideal life for me.

Next evening at Jumping Pond a little stimulant remained and the effects of the previous day were still quite evident. As I rode into camp for supper, a strange and amusing scene was presented to my view, Nigger John, Wheeler Mickell, Sam Howe and others were partaking of a sumptuous evening meal, the tomatoes and Scotch whiskey was apparently greatly relished.

Long since I have recalled the many pleasant incidents of pioneering and am surely anticipating the pleasure of meeting all my old friends once again at the Stampede. This is one of the few opportunities we have of resurrecting many of the interesting occurrences of our early career.

I remain as ever,

Yours truly,

JAMES G. BEWS.





Dear Sir:

As regards to the dinner you are giving the old range men I thought as being an old timer I might come in on it. I came west in 1882 as a N. W. M. Police and after putting in six years in the good old force I took to riding in the cow outfits. I rode and cooked for some years on the round-ups for the old S. F. V. and 7 [ ] Outfits and worked with the 76 at Crame Lake.

I'll be in Calgary for the Stampede so if you think I am entitled to be present at your dinner much oblige.

I remain an old timer,

P. E. RIGGIN.

c/o E. K. Power Co.

Dear Sir

Having noticed by the papers that the C.P.R. is giving a dinner to the Old Time Stockmen and as I have ranched in Alberta for the last forty years. I was for five years where the City of Calgary now is on the North Hill and for the last thirty years at Spring Grove Ranch. I presume I am eligible to join the old timers dinner party should you kindly grant my request

Thanking you in anticipating

I am sir,

Yours truly,

JOHN MACLEOD.





Dear Sir:

*Re Old Time Cowpuncher's Dinner.*

It is not customary in the West for a person to blow their own horn, but if I can "horn-in" to this dinner on these slight credentials it will be considered an honor by myself.

Came west in '89 as a type-slinger on the old Tribune Newspaper, published by the late T. B. Braden. Was of full age of 21. Incidentally, when there was no type to sling, or no cash for slinging it, I at times took to the range.

Broke horses from the old Doc. Lauder ranch, which lay under Nose Hill on the east.

Homesteaded. Worked on the old Begg ranch, at the mouth of High River.

Punched cattle for the B. C. Market Company from the prairies to the Yukon.

Homesteaded again, and at present hold land on the Clearwater River, west of Red Deer.

If these small efforts on the range permit me to shove my feet under the table at the dinner, well and good, if not, just try and slip me a hand-out through the cook-house door.

Yours etc.,

HARRY B. WILSON.

Dear Sir:

I have been running beef cattle in Alberta since 1899, having bought the E half of Sec. 13, Tp. 35, Rge. 27, West 4th Meridian from the C.P.R. that year. Am now 58 years of age so am eligible to attend the Dinner given by the C.P.R.

Yours truly,,

CHRIS MOFFAT





Dear Sir:

Received your letter, which we didn't get until today (July 1st). Hope we are not too late.

I was the first man to take the round-up wagon down to Bow River. I lost all of my horses on the trip. Jim Johnson was my horse wrangler. My cook was Niger Green. I also worked for the Corn Ranch, brand R.R., also the Bar U ranch, brand left. I worked for pretty near all the cow ranchers and round-ups.

Mr. Cross of Calgary will tell you all about me if you ask him, also Mr. Dan Riley.

I am thanking you for the invitation to the dinner. I am sure I will be there.

Mr. Weadick, will you please try and get a word to Mr. Christie to try and get a word to some of the cowboys to meet us at the train.

We will be there on the 7th or 8th sure.

Yours truly,,

HUNTER POWELL

Dear Sir:

I see by the Calgary Herald of June 29th that you are giving a Dinner at the Palliser Hotel on July 9th for men that have ranched here previous to 1900. I have been ranching since 1892 on the north side of the Bow River, also rode the range from about that time until it was closed up. I rode for the Bar "U" in 1898-99, also several other ranches.

I was with the O. A. Chrichley for seven years. If any other reference I refer you to D. P. MacDonald, Cochrane.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM N. ELLIOTT

R.R. No. 4, Calgary.





Dear Sir:

Have just given you principal details of activities of my early ranch days. Many of the old timers will remember me and can give you any further information you might want.

Yours sincerely,

A. B. MacDONALD.

In 1886—Promoted, organized, selected the land and leases situated in Tp. 12, Rge. 29, West 4th M. of the Glengarry Ranch Company. Was appointed managing director in year of organization of the Company, continuing in that capacity for twenty-four years, when the ranch was sold in 1910. The brand used for cattle and horses was the "44" Following were members of the original company: Sir. Donald Mann, Col. R. R. McLennan, Donald Grant, D. W. Grant, I. M. Ross, Luke Madigan and myself. Sir Donald Mann later buying out original members excepting myself and taking in as new shareholders Sir H. S. Holt and Sir Wm. McKenzie. The present owner of ranch and brand is Mr. Pat Burns, my very old friend. Was president of Alberta Stock Association for some years. Am now in my 87th year.

Allan J. MacDonald, my son, was engaged as foreman of the ranch and ran our wagons with the Willow Creek and Trout Creek round-ups, etc., as early as 1900.

ALLAN B. MacDONALD.

Dear Sir:

In reference to the Banquet kindly extended to the Rangemen of Alberta, might say I was located on Ghost River Ranch on and after the 6th of October 1884, and shall be pleased to avail myself of the pleasure of being in attendance.

If this is in order please leave my credentials at the office of the Palliser Hotel to be called for.

Thanking you and anticipating the pleasure of meeting you.

Yours truly,,

JOHN GILLIES





Dear Sir:

Having noticed in the Albertan that you are asking the Old Time cattle men to communicate with you I felt that I was included.

I came from Martintown, Ont., to Alberta in 1886 to work for the Glengarry Ranch, better known as the 44 Ranch, located in the MacLeod district and organized by Mr. A. B. McDonald in 1885, the shareholders included Mr. H. S. Holt, Messrs. McKenzie & Mann, and others, with Mr. A. B. MacDonald as managing director, who is now one of the last of the big ranch managers living. He resides at present in the Dufferin Lodge, Calgary.

For six years I was foreman of the 44 Ranch and Captain of the general round-up in the south country one season, was steer roping champion of the Territorial Exhibition held in Regina in 1896. Ranch owner to 1911 and engaged in the livestock commission business at Calgary since 1912.

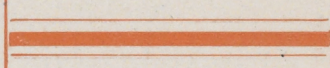
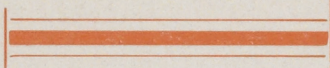
Trusting that your plans in connection with the Old Time Cattlemen are a success, I am,

Yours very truly,

D. S. MacINTOSH.

Address—Alberta Stockyards, Calgary





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